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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SAFETY EXPO MARKS 12TH YEAR OF BRINGING SAFETY MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

RICHLAND, Wash. – May 23, 2006 – For the 12th year in a row, the Hanford Health and Safety Exposition is bringing the message of safety awareness and safe Hanford cleanup to the community. The nationally recognized exposition is being held May 23 and May 24 at the Trade, Recreation and Agriculture Center (TRAC) in Pasco. The event is open to the public, and admission and parking are free.

EXPO 2006 is an exhibition of information, equipment, supplies, and success stories that promote the health and safety of workers, both at home and at work. The exposition will feature displays of safety innovations from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on both days, and will include providers of health and safety products and services from across the country.

“At Hanford, we say that safety begins at work and continues at home,” said Owen Berglund, a longtime member of the EXPO planning committee. “So, it’s only natural that we would want to bring this message of safety to TRAC and share it with the community.”

Because of heightened security over the past few years, public access to Hanford is limited. EXPO 2006 gives the Hanford employees and the vendors an opportunity to show how the employees are improving their performance in the areas of health and safety on the site.

“Expo is an opportunity to show the community our safety successes and new innovations in protecting the well-being of Hanford employees and steps toward making our community a safer place to live,” Berglund said. “Activities and events are designed for the entire family to learn about safety and have a good time.”

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The original exposition was a worker fair with 3,500 attendees. Now, approximately 40,000 people are expected to visit EXPO 2006, including Hanford and Laboratory employees, their families, and the general public. Vendors will be on hand to exhibit and demonstrate products and equipment related to safety and health.

EXPO 2006 primary supporters are the Department of Energy, Fluor Hanford, Washington Closure Hanford, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, CH2M HILL Hanford Group, AdvanceMed Hanford, plus many contractors and vendors that conduct business with the Hanford site.

Additional information can be found on the EXPO 2006 Web site at
<http://www.hanford.gov/rl/?page=150&parent=63>.

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